

REMARKS

Before discussing the rejections, it is first pointed out that Claims 19 and 29 have been amended to conform to the amendments made to Claim 1 of the parent application by Examiner's Amendment. Thus, all the claims now require greater than about 50 weight percent of a dichloroethylene.

The Examiner rejected all the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over any one of the cited Nalewajek et al., Milbrath et al., Merchant (5,824,634), Owens et al. (6,030,934), Flynn et al. (6,291,417), and Miller references. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

While there are other distinctions of the instantly claimed invention over each of the references, the common thread that distinguishes the instantly claimed invention over all the references is the use of greater than about 50 weight percent of a dichloroethylene. None of the references teaches the inclusion of greater than about 50 weight percent of a dichloroethylene in a composition for cleaning a solid surface or solvating a solid or liquid material.

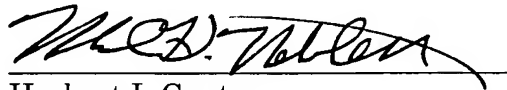
Considering the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims are allowable over the prior art of record. An early Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at the telephone number shown below would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056276.51245DV).

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